

RESOLUTION NO. 08-55

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA AWARDING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 2007/08-0200-48-008 TO ACADEMICA CORPORATION, A FLORIDA CORPORATION, TO MANAGE AND OPERATE THE HIALEAH EDUCATION ACADEMY TO BE LOCATED AT SLADE PARK AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE A MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ACADEMICA CORPORATION SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OR RATIFICATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, pursuant to duly-advertised RFP No. 2007/08-0200-48-008 for management services for the charter high school, Hialeah Education Academy, to be located at Slade Park, the City received one response from Academica Corporation when the response was opened on May 6, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hialeah extended the response time and sent individual notices to thirteen charter school management companies that had prior experience with The School Board of Miami-Dade County and although a number of the companies expressed interest, none of these companies responded to the Request for Proposal; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2008, the Selection Committee, comprised of Vivian Parks, Finance Director; Frederick H. Marinelli, Director of Grants and Human Services Department; Margarita Jimenez, Director of Edison Private Schools; Michael McCann, Interim Director of the School of Fire and Environmental Sciences for Miami-Dade Community College; Marla Alpizar, Director of Education and Community Services Department; and Eduardo Barea, of Ibiley School Uniforms, interviewed Academica Corporation and recommended its selection, having ranked the corporation with a 95.16% average rating among the Committee members; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hialeah finds it in its best interest to award RFP. No. 2007/08- 0200-48-008 to Academica Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble to this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2: The City of Hialeah, Florida hereby awards Request for Proposal No. 2007/08-0200-48-008 to Academica Corporation, a Florida corporation, to manage and operate the Hialeah Education Academy to be located at Slade Park and further authorizes the Mayor to negotiate a management agreement with Academica Corporation subject to approval or ratification by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of May, 2008.

Esteban Bovo
Council President

Attest:

Approved on this 29 day of May, 2008.

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

Mayor Julio Robaina

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

William M. Grodnick, City Attorney

Resolution was adopted by a 6-0-1 vote with Councilmembers Bovo, Caragol, Casals-Muñoz, Garcia-Martinez, Hernandez, and Yedra voting "Yes" and Councilmember Gonzalez absent.